

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;  
Nanci E. Langley; and  
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices  
Express Mail & Priority Mail  
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2

Docket No. MC2009-12

Competitive Product Prices  
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2 (MC2009-12)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-14

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 15, 2011)

The Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2 negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding is set to expire December 17, 2011.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 60-day extension of the existing contract pending completion of the Commission's review of the successor contract, which the Postal Service will file at a later date.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 149, Order Concerning Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2 Negotiated Services Agreement, December 16, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, December 14, 2011 (Motion).

The Postal Service states that it was unable to reach an agreement on the terms of the new contract with the mailer in time to file the new contract 15 days before the effective date. *Id.* at 2. However, it asserts that it expects to reach an agreement with the mailer on a new contract in early 2012. *Id.* Without an extension, the Postal Service contends that service to the mailer would be interrupted. *Id.* Thus, it requests temporary relief in the form of a 60-day extension of the existing contract. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2 negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding is authorized to continue in effect until the Commission issues its order on the successor contract or February 15, 2012, whichever is sooner. Allowing the existing contract to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed December 14, 2011, is granted.
2. The existing contract may remain in effect as set forth in the body of this Order.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary